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thank you for taking this stand. I just saw a report from @CNN that James Clyburn said Democrats might wait until after Biden's first 100 days to send the articles of impeachment to the Senate. I think this is a mistake for several reasons. /1

> We cannot ignore yesterday's insurrection and every day that the President remains in office is a threat to our democracy. That\u2019s why I am cosponsoring an impeachment resolution to initiate the process of removing the President from office immediately.
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> — Rep. Doris Matsui (@DorisMatsui) January 7, 2021

First, the armed insurrection incited by the President is an immediate national security threat. Each day he is in office increases the threat.

Any talk of waiting undercuts the immediacy and seriousness of this threat. /2

Second, the Senate should be given the opportunity to act immediately. If Republican leadership fails to take up impeachment proceedings immediately, that failure is on them. This president has demonstrated that a single day with him left in office is dangerous, every arm /3

of the Democratic party should move as quickly as possible to reinforce this idea and to ensure it has done everything possible to remove him as a threat to our democracy. /4

It's one thing for Republican leadership to once again refuse to hold him accountable, it's quite another for Democratic leadership to accede to *their* desire to move slowly. /5

*I understand that parliamentary procedures make it difficult for the Senate to convene before January 19th. But this is not an impossibility, and the Republicans refusal to move this date and move more quickly should not be a reason for Democrats to slow down this process /6

/7 **This is the message: Democrats have moved as quickly as possible to ensure this president cannot do more harm in his remaining time in office. Our republican colleagues should do the same. If the Republican led Senate *fails* to convict the president before he leaves /8

office, *then* the Democratic led senate *can* wait until after Biden's first 100 days. Trump will no longer have access to the vast powers of the presidency. Until that happens, Democrats should move with one voice to ensure his removal. /end

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